for andwering the question papers in the departmental or promotion examinations, making arrangements for imparting professional in-service training in Hindi and provision of various types of incentives for promoting the use of Hindi.

Tenders for Tourism Publications

3243. SHRI KANAKSINH MOHANSINH MANGROIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased ot state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Department of Tourism have printed|published a large number of brochures|pamphlets| house-magazines during the last two years;

(b) if so, what are the details of these publications, amount spent on each of the publications, names of printers| printing press etc;

(c) whether tenders for printing|publishing these publications were invited and if so, the names of parties who have participated in the tenders with their quotations; and

(d) what are the details of publications printed by the Department of Tourism for the State Tourism Development Corporations with the details of organisations entrusted the job of printing, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The information is being compiled and will be laid on the table of the sabha.

Increase of operational cost of Indian Airlines and Air India

3244. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cost of operations of Indian Airlines and Air India has been increasing during the last few years;

(b) if so, the break-up of this increase in cost since 1989-90 item-wise and year-wise;

(c) whether any efforts have been made by the Indian Airlines and Air India to reduce its cost of operations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Indian Airlines has taken several steps to reduce cost of operations like reduction in capacity from unproftable routes and redeployment of surplus capacity on more profitable routes; curtailment in fuel expenditure by importing fuel with special import licence under the new liberalised economic policy of the Government; frequent preflight checks to avoid wastage on food upliftment and catering items and reduction in overtime, wherever possible.

Air India exercises strict budgetary control and monitors all items of expenditure to achieve savings. Operations Department of Air India has increased crew training on simulator. fuel conservation measures have been adopted on a continuous basis.

वायुदूत और इंडियन एयर लाइंस का विलय

3245. श्री महेश्वर सिंह : क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या इंडियन एयरलाइंस और वायुदूत का पूरी तरह विलय हो गया है ;

(ख) क्या सरकार जिन-जिन स्थानों पर वायुदूत को विमान सेवाएं उपलब्ध थीं वहां इंडियन एयरलाईंस को विमान सेवाएं उपलब्ध करायेगी ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो उन स्थानों के नाम क्या-क्या हैं; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद): (क) वायुदूत इंडियन एयरलाईंस के एक अलग प्रभाग के रूप में कार्य कर रहा है।

(ख) से (घ) उपयुक्त विमानों की उपलब्धता न होने के कारण इंडियन एयरलाईंस उन सभी स्टेशनों का प्रचालन करने की स्थिति में नहीं है जहां पहले वायुदूत द्वारा सेवायें प्रचालित की जाती थीं ।

Involvement of private sector for setting up airports

3246. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have expressed willing to involve private sector in setting up International and domestic airports in the country;

(b) whether any scheme has been formulated to set up new airports in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) to what extent the involvement of private sector is going to affect the maintenance of existing airports in the country?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The Government of India has given its no objection for construction of airports of international standards at Bngalore in Karnataka with the help of private parties and at Cochin in Kerala with the funds to be mobilised from the public including Non-Resident Indians. The respective State Governments are to firm up the cost of the project and other modalities. The Airports Authority of India will provide technical assistance.

(d) The involvement of Private Sector will in no way affect the maintenance of existing airports in the country.

Tampering of passenger,s suitcase

3247. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently a suitcase of passenger was found tempered with at Indira Gandhi Airport in IC-814 on 7th February, 1995; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the passenger has lodged an FIR against such incident, if so, whether an enquiry has been done indicating the details;

(c) in what manner the passenger in likely to be compensated for the losses; and

(d) what are the details of such incidents during last three years, year wise and the compensation paid thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. On arrival of IC-814 on 7-2.95 a passenger lodged a complaint with Indian Airlines, alleging loss of Rs. 19550/- from this registered baggage which was fund in open condition. A search was carried out immediate-